

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Legislation Division, OLC

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SUBJECT : FBI Proposal for Inclusion in the Intelligence
Authorization Bill

REFERENCES : (a) Multi adse memo fr C/LD/OLC dtd 21 Jan 80,
same subject

(b) Multi adse memo fr C/LD/OLC dtd 28 Jan 80,
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1. The following comments are in response to references in which you solicited our views on how an FBI legislative proposal related to moving expense benefits compares with current Agency entitlements and whether the Agency should support the Bureau's proposal.

2. Neither existing Agency regulations nor the Federal Travel Regulations (FTR) provide for reimbursement of expenses, including taxes, incurred in the course of the sale or purchase of a home when a foreign relocation is involved. The FTR, which are referenced in Agency regulations, provide benefits in this area only in connection with a domestic relocation.

3. Insofar as foreign travel is concerned, Agency regulations authorize payment for expenses connected with the movement and storage of household and personal effects. Weight allowances specified by this regulation are graduated depending on employee grade and dependent status to a maximum allowance of 12,000 pounds.

4. In connection with an effort to standardize travel benefits throughout the Government, the Agency is working with an inter-agency committee of twenty members. Since the committee is working on a broad front to resolve benefit inequities throughout the Government, we question whether the Agency should independently support the FBI proposal. To do so would encourage a piecemeal approach to the solution of problems which need Government-wide attention, including any amendment or exemption to the "Fly America Act".

5. Since the focal point for deliberations regarding Agency travel entitlements is the Travel Policy Committee, you may wish to contact it for additional comment.

6. We would have no objections if the above information on the scope of the Agency's travel benefits is passed to the FBI/DEA.

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